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H.RES. 1007 – EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE DEVASTATING SHOOTING INCIDENT OF FEBRUARY 14, 2008, AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY IN DEKALB, ILLINOIS

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1007 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Donald Manzullo (R-IL) on February 28, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on February 28, 2008, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1007 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on March 5, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1007 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Expresses its sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of those who were killed in the tragic shooting on February 14, 2008, at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois: Gayle Dubowski, Catalina Garcia, Julianna Gehant, Ryanne Mace, and Daniel Parmenter;
- Extends its support and prayers to those who were wounded and wishes them a speedy recovery;
- Commends the emergency responders, law enforcement officers, health care providers, and counselors who performed their duties with professionalism and dedication in response to the tragedy;
- Reaffirms its commitment to helping ensure that schools, colleges, and universities in the United States are safe and secure environments for learning; and
- Expresses its solidarity with Northern Illinois University and its students, faculty, staff, and administration as they mourn their losses and as they recover from this tragic incident.

BACKGROUND

On Thursday, February 14, 2008, a former graduate student at the University entered a lecture hall on the campus of Northern Illinois University and opened fire on the students who were gathered for class. The gunman took the lives of five students and wounded seventeen others. The names of the students who lost their lives in the shooting were: Gayle Dubowski, 20; Catalina 'Cati' Garcia, 20; Julianna Gehant, 32; Ryanne Mace, 19; Daniel Parmenter, 20.

The University personnel and first responders were commended for their actions. Much of their planning and preparation was due to the lessons learned from the tragedy at Virginia Tech last year.

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